

REMARKS

The objection to the original Abstract in that it contained over 150 words has been obviated by the amendment to the Abstract provided herein.

Applicants note the comments of the Examiner regarding the Information Disclosure Statement. However, the publication in question has been fully distinguished in the specification and by the claims herein. For this reason, and in view of the other references cited by the Examiner, the filing of a continuation application in order to submit another Information Disclosure Statement would not seem warranted or necessary.

The allowance of claims 1 and 11 is acknowledged.

Independent claims 1 and 11 have been objected to and rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 based on some language that the Examiner perceived to be awkward. The Examiner noted two possible meanings to the wording, and properly presumed the correct wording. Thus, claims 1 and 11 have been amended based on this correct presumption of the Examiner.

Claims 1, 3-5 and 11 are therefore now believed to be in condition for allowance. The non-elected claims have been canceled subject to the right of the Applicants to file a divisional application thereon.

Thus, this application is in condition for allowance, and the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance of claims 1, 3-6, 11 and 12 is respectfully requested.

If any further issues remain after this amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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